



DSCI CONTRACTUAL PROGRAM

WHAT IS THIS PROGRAM?

This program is available to help purchase interpreting services for events such as funerals, weddings, etc. This program has limited funds each year. It can only be used for events not covered by the State or Federal law such as the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Each fiscal year the DSCI Commission sets a dollar limit that can be requested for each event. For June 30, 2009 through July 1, 2010, the dollar limit is \$150.00. There are limited funds available each year. Requests are taken on a first come, first served basis. When the funds are gone, the program ends until the next fiscal year.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

There are 5 steps.

1. Contact DSCI:

Toll Free Phone: 1-888-221-3724 V/TTY

Phone: 515-281-3164 V/TTY

Fax: 515-242-6119

E-mail: dhc.dsci@iowa.gov

2. Tell DSCI that you would like to have assistance paying for an interpreter. Tell DSCI what the event is, when it is, where it is, and who is Deaf that will be attending.

3. Contact and choose an interpreter that you prefer. You must choose an interpreter that is qualified by the State of Iowa, Bureau of Professional Licensure. You can download a list from our website:

<http://www.state.ia.us/dhr/ds/Webpages/NEW.Interpreting.htm>

4. *IMPORTANT* Remember to tell the interpreter to contact DSCI and tell us that he/she has been hired by you for your event. DSCI will send out a letter to the interpreter saying that we will pay up to, but not more than, \$150.00 for this event. **Anything over and above the \$150.00 would be the responsibility of the hiring family or party.**

5. Follow-up with both the Interpreter and DSCI to make sure that both have been contacted.